

Congressman Rogers Speaks On UNITE Rx Drug Summit

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Mister Speaker, prescription drug abuse is killing more people in this country than car wrecks. It's hard to believe, but it's sneaked upon us. In my district, ten years ago, we started an organization called UNITE. Unlawful Narcotics, Investigations, Treatments, Education. A holistic approach. And it works.

We've put in jail about 4,000 pushers. We've got drug counselors in schools; we've got clubs in schools to entertain young people on nice things to do and the like. We've put drug courts in every county. It works, but the problem persists.

Last week, I had the great honor and pleasure of helping host, in Orlando, Florida, a drug summit on prescription drug abuse. Almost 1,000 people from 49 states and several foreign countries, focusing on the problem. That's the second year we've done that. Second straight year. Mayor Bloomberg was there, the head of CDC, the head of FDA, the head of all sorts of federal organizations. And we're determined to help wipe out this biggest killer in our country.